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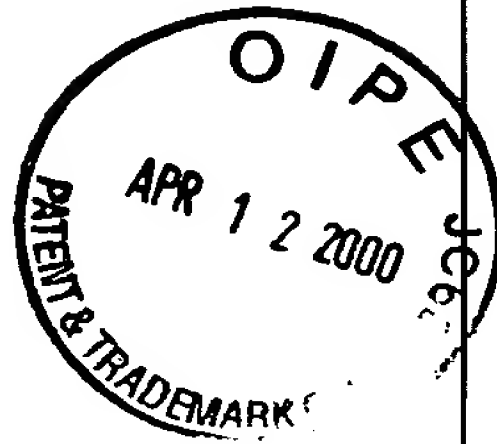
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For: **Death Domain Containing  
Receptor-4 Antibodies**



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**First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 7, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned application.

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U.S. Patent Application 08/799,180, filed February 12, 1997; and

U.S. Patent Application 08/975,985, filed February 12, 1997.

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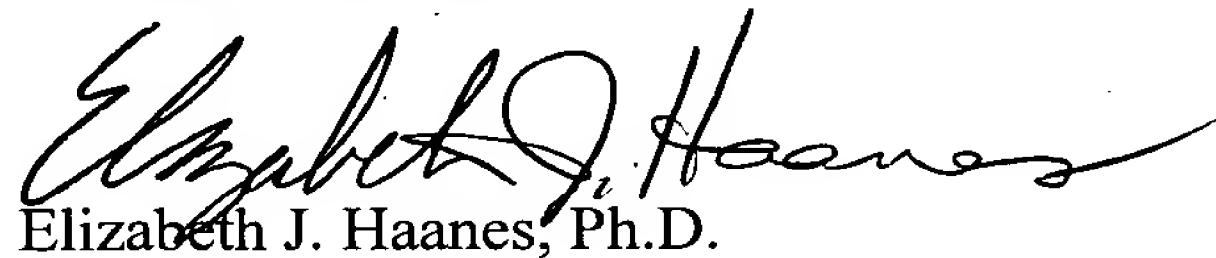
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet citing 2 documents);
3. Two (2) cited documents (AO1 and AP1); and
4. Return postcard.

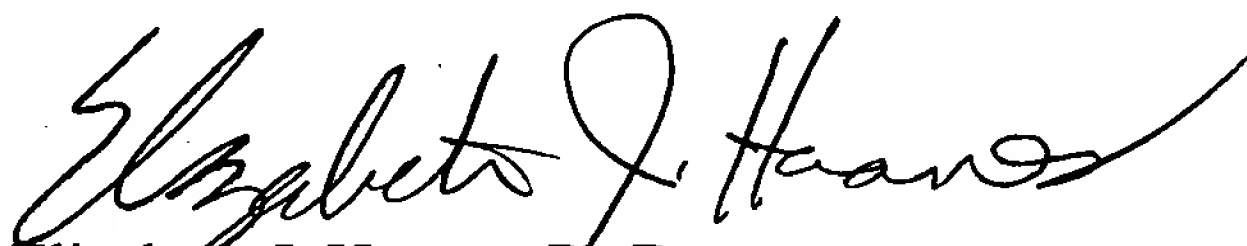
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